

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on May 28, 2008, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 19-20 are amended, claims 7 and 14 are canceled; as a result, claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-21 are now pending in this application

35 USC § 101 Rejection of the Claims

The final Office action rejects claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 19 and 20 are amended based on the Examiner's helpful comments to traverse this rejection. Accordingly, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection of claims 19 and 20 be withdrawn.

35 USC§102 Rejection of the Claims

The final Office action rejects claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Logan et al., (US 2003/0093790 A1). Applicant(s) respectfully traverse this rejection. As explained below, independent claims 1, 8, 15, 19 and 21 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over the cited reference(s).

Logan describes a system for utilizing metadata created either at a central location for shared use by connected users or at each individual user's location. Further, Logan in paragraph [0092] describes sharing metadata created by users between users. The metadata at a user location is registered by supplying the resource address to a remote location that relays the address to other users who access the metadata from the creating user's storage in a P2P transfer. In contrast, independent claims 1, 8, 15, 19 and 21 recite a method of enabling to identify a group of peers on a P2P network by using an identifier associated with a content broadcast for identifying the group. Further, in page 2 line 19-23 of the specification recite "when the broadcast content is linked to P2P groups, a user who is watching an associated program, can immediately obtain links to P2P groups that are related to this program, become a member of such group and use the services offered within the group. A P2P group is then a virtual private network that improves the scalability by routing messages only through members of that group and not to all peers on the

network". Therefore, Logan does not describe the feature of providing a specific identifier for linking content broadcast to a specific one of multiple groups of peers on a P2P network. Further, Logan does not describe having the metadata to identify or cause to identify a group of peers among various groups.

Claims 2-6, 9-13, 16-18 and 20 are also patentable at least because they each depend directly or indirectly from a respective one of independent claims 1, 8, 15, 19 and 21, all of which are patentable as explained above.

For at least the above reasons, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-21 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner withdraw the objections and/or rejections of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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